

“No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
on life’s journey,  
You are welcome here.”

# *Welcome to Worship*

## at St. Paul UCC

*We are glad you are here!*

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9 am Worship ~ online

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### Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Virtual Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Please send prayer requests by email to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 618-233-3303.
- We want to know that you are listening / watching online!  
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for online giving or contact the church office to set up automatic withdrawal.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Senior Pastor.....                      | Rev. Michelle Torigian |
| Director of Faith Formation & Care..... | Craig Bielke           |
| Music Director .....                    | Dr. Bill Wade          |
| Director of Non-Traditional Music.....  | John Posth             |



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Belleville, Illinois



Watch videos on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville>

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

***St. Paul  
United Church  
of Christ***

*First Sunday after Christmas*

December 27, 2020 9:00 am

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

(Von Himmel Hoch, da komm ich her)

Setting by Alfred Fedak (b. 1953) (b. 1957)

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, in the sweetness of the story we tell today,  
the encounter of old and young--  
Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus to the elders--  
We feel the movement of your Spirit making all things new.  
Awake us to your presence in this moment  
As we seek Christ in our midst:  
Let us recognize God-with-us,  
A light to the nations, your glory revealed.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

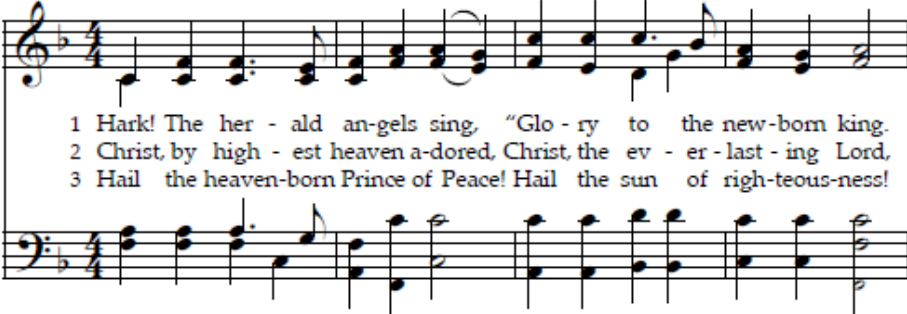
## OPENING HYMN

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (MENDELSSOHN)

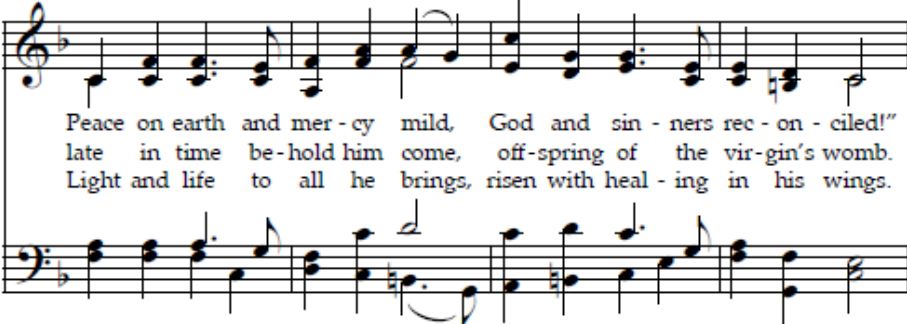
Text: Charles Wesley, 1739;

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1853

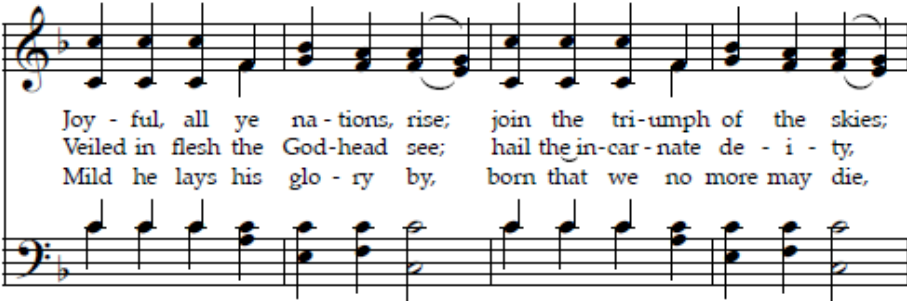
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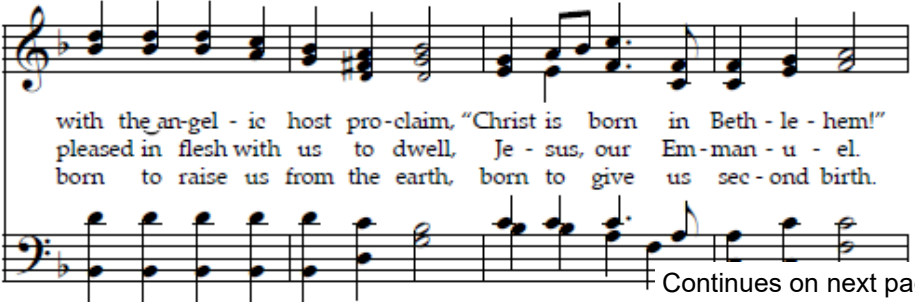
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

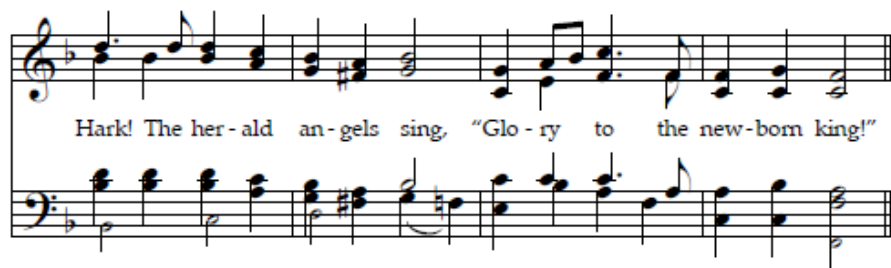


Joy - ful, all ye na-tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty.  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

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### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we know that you have been present throughout all of history and in our own lives. We know you will be with us in our future, yet often we don't live as if we know that. As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people, we recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow. As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people, we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:22-40

### **ANTHEM**

*Do You Hear What I Hear*

Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne arr. for handbell solo by Kevin McChesney  
Mary Lu Bretsch, Handbell Soloist

### **SERMON**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

## *Joy to the World!* (ANTIOCH) Verses 1, 2, and 4

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and  
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heaven and na - ture sing,



## BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

## COMMISSION, CHARGE, BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Echo Noel*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)



The poster features a hand holding a smartphone displaying a close-up of US dollar bills and coins. The background is a textured, light gray surface. In the top left corner is the church's logo, which includes a stylized building and the text "SAINT PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST".

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For more info:  
contact Stephenie in the church office  
at 233-3303 or [bauzas@stpaulucc.org](mailto:bauzas@stpaulucc.org)

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If donating online please consider increasing your donation by 3%  
to cover the costs involved with processing online giving. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

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# Welcome

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you're here!

News & Notes

[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

THANK YOU

## Thank you to everyone who has given to Kindercottage!

Below please find a handwritten thank you from the  
Director of Kindercottage, Brenda Crisp.

We are going to continue to collect donations  
of cleaning supplies for Kindercottage (see page 14)  
and financial donations are always welcome.

Hello Everyone!  
You know, your church congregation  
surprises me, excites me, makes  
me happy and makes me cry!  
You are so wonderful, caring,  
compassionate and generous!  
Judy arrived bearing bags filled  
with cleaning products to help me  
for a month. Next, she pulled  
out bags of items for Christmas for  
our children. Finally she says, one  
more thing and she pulls out  
an envelope and by now I'm crying  
and she's consoling and Linda is taking  
pictures. This is unfair - I'm sure I  
look a horrid sight. I really, really  
thank each of you and I thank God  
for allowing you to be in together  
with us.  
God Bless each of you Thank You.





# *St. Paul Postcards*

**St. Paul UCC is proud to selling  
12 postcards for \$12  
by St. Paul UCC Artists  
Proceeds go to St. Paul UCC**

**Contact the church office  
to arrange pick up or mailing**



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 Our ongoing way to help

# Cleaning Supplies for Kindercottage

**Items Needed:**  
Cleaning supplies such as: bleach, clorox wipes, etc.

PPE : masks, gloves, kids masks.

**Bring to church or call 618-233-3303**  
**Financial donations always welcome**



## Flamingo Flock Fundraiser Christmas Edition

Here is a fun way to give some holiday cheer, & maybe a little grief, to your neighbors & friends is the Flamingo Flock Fundraiser - Christmas Edition!

Here is how you can help support St. Paul students and keep the flamingos moving along their journey south.

- Flamingo Flock Stop - Make sure the flock stops in someone's yard - \$10 suggested donation
- Flamingo Flock Unflock - Removal fee to keep flock from moving on to the next yard - \$10 suggested donation
- Flamingo Flock Block - Insurance to make sure that not matter how many times the flock stops in your yard, you never have to pay for them to move on - \$5 suggested donation

Contact Craig Bielke, Director of Faith Formation & Care, 210-383-0385 or email [cbielke@stpaulucc.org](mailto:cbielke@stpaulucc.org) to schedule a Flock Stop for your friends and neighbors, schedule a Flock Unflock, or purchase Flock Block.

Funds raised will go to support the St. Paul Students Ministry. If you would like to support St. Paul Students by making a donation, or do not want to participate in this game, just give Craig a call.

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# Heritage Hall Bookmark

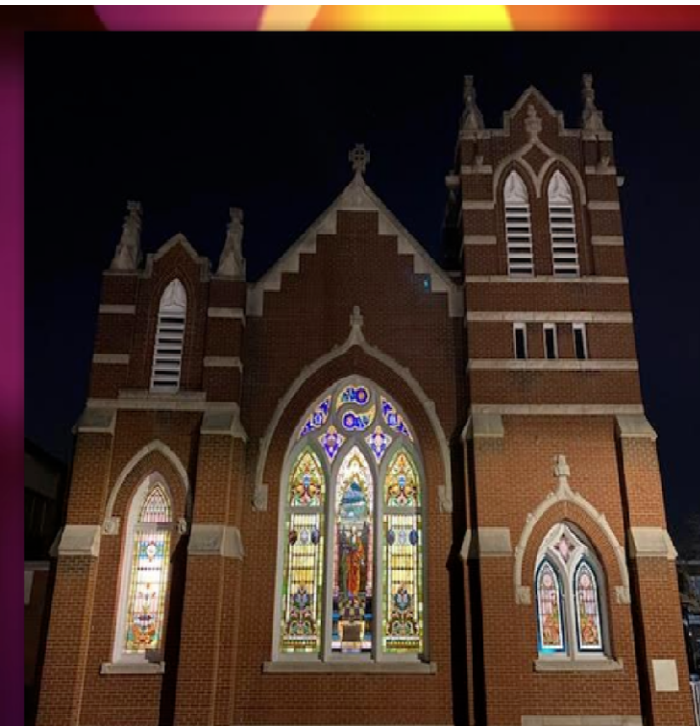
On sale through the  
St. Paul Church Office  
\$3 each or 2 for \$5

Bookmark comes in plastic sleeve with blue tassle

[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

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## Lights of Heritage Hall

5:30pm - 10pm  
nightly through Jan 6th

Drive by Heritage Hall on  
'B' Street and view the beauty  
of the front stained glass  
windows lit up at night



## Archives Artifacts ~ St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

**Question:** The Confirmation Class of 1932 had thirty-four members and were the first to wear confirmation robes at St. Paul. All previous confirmands wore their own clothes during the ceremony, why robes? *Answers below* ↘

### This Week

Sundays 9am Worship-online  
10:30am Zoom Social Hour  
4pm Online Worship

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul!!

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK -**

Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**

- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

Call the church office or

email [tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

Praying for your health and well-being!

**Answer:** In 1932, Bertha Kutz, wife of St. Paul Associate Pastor Ludwig Christian Carl Kutz, organized a group of mothers who brought their sewing machines and made confirmation robes. This was due because of the depression and the fact that many people didn't have funds to purchase new clothes.

### For Your Prayers

The Family of Jean Eckert

The Family of Larry Altmansberger

Joan Sackmann Donna Thomas

James, Kevin, & Chaz

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to

[tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

or call 618-233-3303 / 580-4440

Thank you!

### Weekly Attendance

9am / 11am Dec 13, 2020 Dec 14, 2019  
online / online 147/single

This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.

